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- The Turkish Government has decided to permit the Turkish Press Association to take retaliatory measures against the Greek journalists who published anti-Turkish editorials, as the assurances given the Turks by the Greek Embassy to stop the campaign have not been successful. Hence, the Press Bureau in Ankara authorized La Ripublique to publish a resume of the articles which had appeared in Athens, and this prompted other Istanbul papers, especially Tanin and Tasvir, to publish a series of articles of their own.
- The Greek Ambassador, Pericles Sheferis, in his interview with Hasan Saka, the Turkish Foreign Minister, expressed his deep regret of the incident but raminded the Turkish official that Greace enjoyed full liberty of the press and that the articles responsible for this anti-Turkish campaign were, after all, published by Greek leftist papers. He stated that, with the exception of Mr Kraniothkim, President of the Greek Press Association, none of the other Greek press delegates who had come to visit Turkey had published anti-Turkish articles.
- 3. The Grock Ambassador also informed Hasan Saka that the press attacks were very embarassing to the Greek community in Turkey, and that they certainly were not improving Turkish-Greek relations.

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<u>25X1</u>A2g Comment: disseminated on 25 November 1946. stated that the anti-Turkish editorials had caused a most unfavorable impression in Turkey; that the Turkish journalists and been forbidden to reply to them; and that official protests had been made to Mr. Skeferis.

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